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SUBJECT: DRAFTING GROUP MEETING NUMBER 214, MAY 11, 1978  
(SALT TWO 1735)

SUMMARY: US PRESENTED ITS VIEW ON DISMANTLING AND DESTRUCTION TIMING QUESTION, TABLED WORKING PAPERS ON TREATY LIMITATION ON NEW TYPES OF ICBMS AND ANSWERED SOVIET QUESTIONS ON BOTH ISSUES. SOVIETS TABLED PROPOSALS ON HEAVY BOMBER COUNTING RULES (ARTICLES VI.5, AGREED STATEMENT TO ARTICLE VI.6 AND ARTICLE XVIII.2(E) AS WELL AS COMMON UNDERSTANDING THERETO.) END SUMMARY.

1. PEREZ ELABORATED ON DISMANTLING AND DESTRUCTION ISSUES STEMMING FROM US REVISED PROPOSAL TABLED IN DRAFTING GROUP ON MAY 5 AND NOTED IN PARTICULAR THAT US ACCEPTANCE OF 2250 AGGREGATE WAS CONTINGENT UPON SOVIET ACCEPTANCE OF 1200 MIRV AGGREGATE. AFTER REVIEWING STATE OF PLAY ON  
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AGGREGATE LEVELS, EXPIRATION OF THE PROTOCOL AND THE DATE OF INITIATION OF D&D, PEREZ NOTED THAT NEW US PROPOSALS ALLOWING FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF EXCESS ARMS WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF THE DATE OF INITIATION (JANUARY 1, 1980), WHEN COUPLED WITH NEW US AGGREGATES PROPOSAL, CHANGES THE AVERAGE RATE AT WHICH SYSTEMS HAVE TO BE DESTROYED OR DISMANTLED FROM 40 SYSTEMS PER MONTH TO 12 OR 13 SYSTEMS PER

MONTH. SMOLIN ASKED WHY US BELIEVED THAT D&D SHOULD BE FINISHED BY THE END OF THE PROTOCOL. PEREZ REPLIED THAT US BELIEVES

--IT IS IMPORTANT TO CARRY OUT REDUCTIONS IN A TIMELY MANNER;  
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-- THAT THE SIDES SHOULD DEMONSTRATE THEIR RESOLVE TO CARRY OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THE AGREEMENT;

-- THAT THE SIDES SHOULD SET THE STAGE FOR THE FURTHER REDUCTIONS WHICH THEY SAY THEY WISH TO TAKE.

2. SMOLIN ARGUED THAT THE PROBLEM WAS SEPARABLE INTO TWO PARTS, ONE POLITICAL AND ONE "MATERIAL." THE LATTER CONSIDERATION, HE SAID, MEANT THAT BY THE END OF 1980, THE ISSUES IN THE INTERIM OBLIGATIONS IN THE PROTOCOL WILL HAVE BEEN SUFFICIENTLY RESOLVED. "THIS WILL MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO DETERMINE IN WHAT SPECIFIC STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS REDUCTIONS SHOULD BE TAKEN." (SMOLIN WENT ON TO ARGUE THAT SOVIET SIDE BELIEVES THAT "APPROPRIATE AGREEMENTS" WILL HAVE BEEN MADE TO ISOLATE "THE SPECIFIC ARMS TO BE REDUCED") THE POLITICAL PROBLEM, HE ARGUED, WAS ONE WHICH HAD RELEVANCE TO LIMITS ON STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS AND THE EFFECTS OF THOSE LIMITS ON "THE POLITICAL SITUATION."  
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TION IN THE WORLD." PEREZ RESPONDED THAT US DOES NOT BELIEVE PROTOCOL ISSUES MUST BE SOLVED BEFORE BEGINNING WORK ON OTHER STRATEGIC DISARMAMENT ISSUES AND NOTED US CONCERN OVER SOVIET DETERMINATION THAT PROTOCOL ISSUES BE RESOLVED BEFORE THE RELATIVELY MODEST D&D STEPS THUS FAR CALLED FOR ARE TAKEN.

3. PEREZ TABLED WORKING PAPERS ON THE US ALTERNATE TREATY PROPOSAL FOR A LIMITATION ON NEW TYPES OF ICBMS. WITH RESPECT TO ARTICLE IV.9, SMOLIN SAID HE HOPED THAT "THE OBSERVATIONS MADE BY OUR CHIEF OF DELEGATION IN THE MAY 10 PLENARY WERE IN THE US VIEW," AND THEN TURNED TO KOUKLEV WHO ASKED, IN CONNECTION WITH US-PROPOSED COMMON UNDERSTANDING REGARDING OFF-LOADING RVs AND PENALTY, WAS THERE A POSSIBILITY OF DECREASING LAUNCH-WEIGHT BY MORE THAN 5. SCHNEITER RESPONDED THAT "IT IS LESS LIKELY THAT DECREASING THE NUMBER OF RVs OR PENALTY WOULD RESULT IN A 5 PERCENT DECREASE IN LAUNCH-WEIGHT THAN IS THE CASE FOR THROW-WEIGHT, WHICH IS GENERALLY A SMALL FRACTION OF THE LAUNCH WEIGHT." HOWEVER, SCHNEITER CONTINUED, THE US HAD INCLUDED LAUNCH-WEIGHT IN ITS PROPOSAL TO COVER SUCH A POSSIBILITY. KOUKLEV WANTED TO KNOW IF SUCH A CASE REALLY EXISTED; SCHNEITER SAID HE WOULD TAKE THE QUESTION.

4. MCNEILL HANDED THE SOVIETS A NON-PAPER WITH IDENTICAL FOOTNOTES TO ARTICLE IV.9 OF THE TREATY AND ARTICLE II.1 OF THE PROTOCOL, STATING THAT ITS PURPOSE WAS SIMPLY INFORMATIVE AND MEANT TO RE-EMPHASIZE EQUALITY BETWEEN THE US PROPOSALS ON NEW TYPES OF ICBMS.

5. FINALLY, SMOLIN TABLED TEXTS OF SOVIET PROPOSALS FOR ARTICLES VI.5, THE AGREED STATEMENT OF ARTICLES VI.6 AND XVII.2, AND THE COMMON UNDERSTANDING THERETO, NOTING THAT THESE PROPOSALS WERE "ANSWERS" TO US PROPOSALS. SEE SEPTEL'

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